SNOW DROPS.

Gently fall the snow flakes
From the clouds above,
Noiselessly and joyously
As the breath of love,
Noiseless in their gaiety,
Gentle in their mirth,
As they spread their robes of purity
Softly o'er the earth.

Beauteous types of Innocence!

Delicately fair

As the thoughts of Angels

Hov'ring in the air:

Not less pure and innocent

Is each little dove,—

Each joyous, sparkling snow-drop

In the cot of Love.

Yes, prattling little Children!
Germs of Love are ye,
Spotless as the snow-drops,
Hearts as pure and free,
Oh! guard them in their innocence,
Ye to whom are given
These fairy human snow-drops,
Gifts from Love's own Heaven.